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Rare Carnations



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CARNATIONS ARE EASY TO GROW

In 1938 Mr. Felsing started to grow carnations as a hobby without any idea of commercializing carnation plants. At the beginning he raised beautiful plants and flowers of the well-known common varieties, some solid colors and some variegated. His garden and small greenhouse were the point of interest of all his neighborhood. Not content with raising the ordinary carnations, he set up a small laboratory in which he experimented and by scientific planting, propagating, crossing and fertilizing he was successful in developing new and unusually beautiful blooms, never before shown anywhere.

These new carnations from then on became "The Felsing's Rare Carnations."

Having been approached by so many carnation lovers as well as commercial growers the firm of Felsing's Rare Carnation Gardens was born.

From 1941 on Felsing's Carnation Gardens have enjoyed a most prolific patronage from both the retail as well as the wholesale trade.

Today Felsing's Carnation Gardens boast of having the largest collection of carnation plants in the world, comprising over 350 different varieties. More varieties are created every season in order to keep up the interest and enthusiasm of Felsing's numerous clientele.

We reserve the right to substitute if out of certain varieties.

CARNATIONS ARE EASY TO GROW

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS FOR CARNATIONS

**Easy to Grow if These Simple Rules Are
Followed**

PREPARATION OF SOIL

Select a sunny spot in your garden and be sure that your soil is well drained, yet not too light and sandy. The novice will find a medium heavy loam in raised or banked bed as ideal. To this soil, a liberal amount of bone meal is spaded in before plants are set out. To counteract extreme acidity, which is unfavorable for healthy carnation growth, apply dehydrated lime or wood ashes lightly.

TREATMENT OF PURCHASED PLANTS

Our carnation cuttings are all taken from healthy field grown plants. They are rooted in cool benches and subsequently hardened in open air so that they require very little shading, if any, when planted.

The cutting should be set out as shallow as possible not deeper than it was in the sand. Stemrot will occur when planted too deeply. The plants should be thoroughly watered when set out and no more watering is necessary until the surface shows signs of getting dry.

STOPPING AND DISBUDDING

Plants should be spaced sufficiently apart so that they will have ample air circulation between the plants when they have formed the bushes. They are first stopped when 3 or 4 inches high. The object of this is to encourage the young plant to build up bushy plant, which in turn will produce more flowers. The best method is to pull the center out; do not break it off. When the stem is broken off, only 2 or 3 new growths will appear but when pulled off, several stems will rise from this first operation. The centers of these new growths are further topped occasionally until far into July, when winter flowers are preferred. Then the plants are allowed to form their flower stems. When the buds develop sufficiently large, all side buds are removed thus leaving single buds to a stem.

Very wet or very dry soil conditions are both detrimental to support a vigorous, healthy growth of carnations. Although in winter, they will stand being kept fairly dry much better than on the wet side, especially since we have most of our rainfall at that time here in Southern California.

As carnations are an ever-blooming flower, feeding should be made almost the year around after the final topping in July. Nitrogen content stimulates a rapid leaf and stem growth; phosphoric acid and potash build up steady, firm growth of plant with

large flowers, good substance and good color. For these reasons, complete fertilizers which are in the market today, such as "Gaviota," "Gro-rite," "Vigoro," etc., are recommended in cooler months. These fertilizers may be applied dry and watered into the soil. When the days become longer and hot days approach, a mulching of cow manure will largely assist in retaining the moisture within the soil. The feeding roots of carnations are very close to the surface and should not be cultivated very near the plant, and weeds appearing near the plant should be pulled out when little rather than hoed out.

FEEDING AND WATERING

Carnations, like other cultivated plants, are susceptible to fungus diseases and insect pests but fortunately, these are all easily controllable. Fungus disease or disease caused by other organisms such as blight, spot, rust and wilt can be controlled and prevented with the use of bordeaux mixture. A soap spreader is used with this mixture to insure complete coverage of the foliage.

DISEASES AND INSECT PESTS

Our worst insect pests are aphids, thrips, and red spiders. The former two are easily controlled with either nicotine, rotonone, or phyrethum sprays, but the latter is little more difficult to destroy. Up to date, "Loro" with soap spreader or "Hi-tox" are the best known sprays to destroy the red spiders after infestations. Overhead watering or occasional bathing of plants with strong pressure hose in clear warm days will help in removing the spiders and aphids when plants are young.

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Nebraska—White, pink stripes.....	.50
*Connecticut—White, wine stripes.....	.50
North Dakota—New salmon.....	.50
Washington—Large white.....	.50
Ward—New flared dark pink.....	.50
*Massachusetts—Maroon, slate markings.....	.50
*Walter Pidgeon—New large wine purple.....	1.50
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(In order to propagate this new unusual Breneman variety, it will not be for sale until 1948.)

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Barbara Farr—Fringy, very prolific.....	.35
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*Arkansas—Dark scarlet.....	.50
General MacArthur—Very large.....	.75

Salmon, Solid Color

Salmon Virginia—Exquisite.....	.60
Coral Reef—New fringy salmon.....	.75
Melrose—Dark salmon.....	.50
*Honor—New large salmon.....	.75
Mirandy—Camelia shaped salmon.....	.75

Purple, Solid Color

*Madame Chiang Kai Shek—Lovely violet.....	2.00
*Purple Heart—Large deep purple.....	1.00
Potentate—Fringy purple.....	.45
*Royal Robe—Royal purple.....	.50
Walter Pidgeon—New large wine.....	1.50

Yellow, Solid Color

Florida—Light yellow.....	.50
Maingold—Good yellow.....	.50

Miller's Yellow—Very deep yellow.....	.50
Moonbeam—Light yellow.....	.45
California Gold—Camelia shaped.....	.75
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Hercules Virginia—Immense blooms.....	.50
Eleanor—Light shell.....	.50
Peter Fisher—Blush pink.....	.35
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North Dakota—Medium light, good bloomer.....	.50
Virginia—Fringy light pink.....	.50
St. Louis Pink—New medium pink.....	.50

Crimson, Solid Color

Mrs. Weld—New oxblood color.....	.50
Crimson Potentate—Fringy crimson.....	.45
Oregon—Very large maroon.....	.50
Will Rogers—Camelia shaped deep red.....	.45
*Topsy—Large crimson.....	.75
*Sir Phillip Sassoon—English deep red.....	.75
*Klug's Crimson—New deep red.....	.50
Woburn—Old favorite.....	.45
Wanda—Large blooms.....	.50
*Texas—Immense fringy crimson.....	.50

Dark Pink, Solid Color

San Francisco—New deep rose.....	.75
John Briery—Large deep pink.....	.50
Rose Virginia—Fringy medium pink.....	.50
Miller's Virginia—Big, perfect shape.....	.60
*Rosary—Camelia shaped, fragrant.....	1.00
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Pelargonium—Cherry red, white tips.....	.45
Indiana—Dusty Rose, maroon stripes.....	.50

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*Ginger Rogers—Raspberry, maroon stripes.....	1.00
*Mrs Esmond—Scarlet, maroon stripes.....	1.50

White Variegated

*Betsy—White, maroon edges.....	.50
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*Mary Cecelia—Large white pink marks.....	1.00
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Connecticut—White, wine stripes.....	.50
*Dimity—White, purple stripes.....	1.00
*Variegated Defender—White, pink stripes.....	.75
Nebraska—White, fringy, pink marks.....	.50
Nevada—Very large white, pink penciling.....	.50
*Peppermint Stick—Cream white, pink marks.....	.50
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Barbara Brigham—Apricot, pink stripes.....	.45
Orange Wonder—Cream, pink marks.....	.45
Pharaoh—Very large orange, red edge.....	.45
Sagamore—Orange, scarlet markings.....	.45
Senorita—Very large cream, cerise stripes.....	.50
*Apricot Queen—Large Apricot.....	2.00

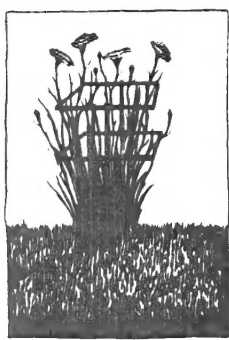
Pink Variegated

Kate Smith—Hot pink, silver tips.....	.50
Lady Godiva—Blush pink, white bands.....	.45
*Marchioness of Headford—Salmon, cream edge.....	.75
Coral King—Deep salmon, white tips.....	.50
*Indian Summer—New pink, scarlet flakes.....	1.00
*Buck Benny—Salmon, pink marks.....	.75

Yellow Variegated

Bonanza—Large yellow, pink stripes.....	.45
Golden Wonder—Light yellow, pink marks.....	.45
*Pearl Harbor—Gold, maroon edges.....	1.00
*Pirate Gold—Sulphur yellow, purple marks.....	.75
Louisiana—Yellow, scarlet marks.....	.50
Oklahoma—Yellow, pink stripes.....	.50
New Mexico—Deep yellow, pink stripes.....	.50
South Dakota—Buff, rose stripes.....	.50
New York—Yellow, ground pencilled, rosy.....	.50
*Aztec—Deep yellow, wide pink marks.....	1.00
Amos and Andy—Soft yellow, scarlet marks.....	1.00
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*Red Feather—Yellow, scarlet edges.....	.50
*Navajo—Gold, red stripes.....	.50
Seminole Chief—Light cream, shell marks.....	.75
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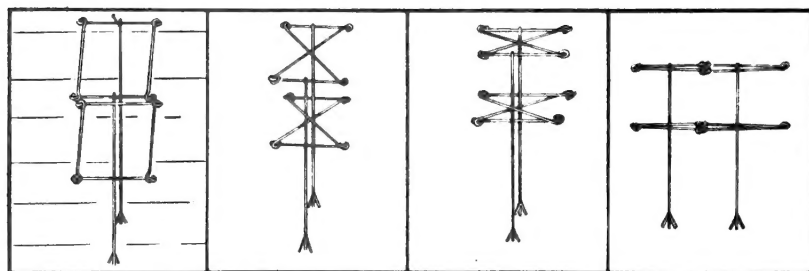
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